

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11359–11392*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2771–2779. **Page S11382**

**Measures Passed:**

**Feed America Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 334, designating Thursday, November 19, 2009, as “Feed America Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11376**

**Drive Safer Sunday:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 335, designating November 29, 2009, as “Drive Safer Sunday”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S11376–77**

**National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 338, designating November 14, 2009, as “National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11377**

**Measures Considered:**

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S11362–76, S11377–78**

**Adopted:**

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 344), Coburn Amendment No. 2757 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require public disclosure of certain reports.

**Pages S11362, S11369–71**

Menendez Amendment No. 2741 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide, with an offset, an additional \$4,000,000 for grants to assist States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries.

**Pages S11362, S11377**

Durbin Amendment No. 2759 (to Amendment No. 2730), to enhance the ability of the Department

of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain health care administrators and providers in underserved rural areas. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Durbin Amendment No. 2760 (to Amendment No. 2730), to designate the North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Illinois, as the “Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center”. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Akaka Amendment No. 2740 (to Amendment No. 2730), to extend the authority for a regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Republic of the Philippines. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Johanns Amendment No. 2752 (to Amendment No. 2730), prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Pages S11362, S11377**

Feingold Amendment No. 2746 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require reporting on alternatives to major construction projects related to the security of strategic nuclear weapons facilities. **Pages S11363–64, S11377**

Udall (NM) Modified Amendment No. 2737 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make available from Medical Services, \$150,000,000 for homeless veterans comprehensive service programs. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Franken/Johnson Modified Amendment No. 2745 (to Amendment No. 2730), to ensure that \$5,000,000 is available for a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities. **Pages S11362, S11377**

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2747 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make available \$5,000,000 to improve outreach and provision of services for mental health and neurological conditions to veterans enrolled in programs of education at institutions of higher education. **Page S11377**

Ensign Modified Amendment No. 2771 (to Amendment No. 2730), to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces. **Page S11377**

Johnson Amendment No. 2734 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require a report on bid savings realized from cost and scope variations for military construction projects. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for Warner/Webb) Amendment No. 2738 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide for a study on transportation improvements to accommodate installation growth associated with the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) program. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for McConnell) Amendment No. 2773 (to Amendment No. 2730), to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky, as the “Robley Rex Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson/Hutchison Amendment No. 2753 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make a technical correction requested by the Army in the funding of dining projects at forwarding operating bases in Afghanistan. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for Bingaman/Udall (NM)) Amendment No. 2749 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide \$37,500,000 requested by the Air Force for construction of an Unmanned Aerial System Field Training Complex at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, as authorized by section 2301(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (division B of Public Law 111–84), and to provide an offset. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2751 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make a technical correction for the Air Force at Columbus AFB, Mississippi. **Pages S11377–78**

Johnson (for Burr/Akaka) Amendment No. 2743 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide, with an offset, an additional \$750,000 for homeless veterans comprehensive service programs and housing assistance and supportive services. **Pages S11377–78**

Rejected:

By 24 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 345), Coburn motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions. **Page S11371**

Withdrawn:

DeMint Amendment No. 2779 (to Amendment No. 2730), to prohibit the use of funds for the transfer or detention in the United States of detainees at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, if certain veterans programs for fiscal year 2010 are not fully funded. **Pages S11362, S11378**

Johnson (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2781 (to Amendment No. 2779 (to Amendment No. 2730)), to change the enactment date. **Pages S11362–63**

Pending:

Johnson/Hutchison Amendment No. 2730, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11362**

Johnson Amendment No. 2733 (to Amendment No. 2730), to increase by \$50,000,000 the amount available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for minor construction projects for the purpose of converting unused Department of Veterans Affairs structures into housing with supportive services for homeless veterans, and to provide an offset. **Page S11362**

Inouye Amendment No. 2754 (to Amendment No. 2730), to permit \$68,500,000, as requested by the Missile Defense Agency of the Department of Defense, to be used for the construction of a test facility to support the Phased Adaptive Approach for missile defense in Europe, with an offset. **Page S11362**

DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730), to prohibit the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to construct or modify a facility in the United States or its territories to permanently or temporarily hold any individual held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. **Page S11362**

Feingold/Sanders Amendment No. 2748 (to Amendment 2730), to make available \$5,000,000 for grants to community-based organizations and State and local government entities to conduct outreach to veterans in under-served areas. **Pages S11364–69**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, and that the following list of amendments be the only amendments remaining in order, with no second-degree amendments in order to any listed amendments: Johnson Amendment No. 2733 (to Amendment No. 2730) (listed above); Feingold/Sanders Amendment No. 2748 (to Amendment 2730) (listed above); Cochran Amendment No. 2763; DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730) (listed above); Inouye Amendment No. 2754 (to Amendment No. 2730) (listed above); and McCain Amendment No. 2776; that the previous order regarding a managers amendment remain in effect; that the vote with respect to DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730) occur when Senate resumes consideration of the bill at 2:15 p.m.; and that upon disposition of the amendment, the provisions of the previous order with respect to disposition of the substitute and passage of the bill remain in effect; that there be two minutes of debate prior to each vote, except that prior to the vote on DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730), there be five minutes of debate, with all debate time, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, with any other relevant provisions of the order of November 10, 2009 in effect. **Page S11378**

**Appointments:**

**Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the appointments with respect to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission made on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, be vitiated. **Page S11377**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following appointments be considered to have been made on Tuesday, November 10, 2009:

**United States-China Economic Security Review Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Patrick A. Mulloy of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011, and William A. Reinsch of Maryland, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011. **Page S11377**

**Hamilton Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, following the disposition of H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, the order of Tuesday, November 10, 2009, with respect to the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, be executed. **Page S11378**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Walter Crawford Jones, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S11390–92**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which was sent to the Senate on October 1, 2009, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S11392**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S11382**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S11382–84**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S11384–89**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S11380–82**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S11389–90**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S11390**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—345) **Page S11371**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11390.)

## ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## ***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 4068–4082 ; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 904–907 were introduced. **Page H13001**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H13001–03**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed on November 7, 2009 as follows:

H.R. 3618, to provide for implementation of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (H. Rept. 111–331, Pt. 1);